

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 146

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Detective Josh Pike
upon being named the Bartlett Police
Department's 2012 Employee of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Detective Josh Pike, who was recently named Employee of the Year by the Bartlett Police Department in recognition of his years of estimable service; and

WHEREAS, Detective Pike is currently assigned to the Memphis Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Resident Office as a Task Force Officer; and

WHEREAS, during the 2012 calendar year, Detective Josh Pike played an integral role in the disruption of a large drug trafficking organization, and his work resulted in the seizure of more than a ton of marijuana, two ounces of methamphetamine, more than four million dollars in cash and bank accounts, and more \$682,000 in vehicles and jewelry. The bust also netted nineteen wire intercepts and twenty-nine arrests; and

WHEREAS, Detective Pike and his fellow agents also initiated an investigation into another large trafficking organization in January 2012, an investigation which has since expanded into Louisiana, Texas, Mexico, and Illinois, and in July of last year, he played a vital role in the initiation of an investigation into yet another drug trafficking ring operating in and around the Memphis area; and

WHEREAS, highly respected by his colleagues and superiors alike, Detective Pike is often praised for his attention to detail and promptness, and has been recognized by the DEA

for his substantial contribution to the continued success and growth of the Memphis Resident Office; and

WHEREAS, the greater Bartlett community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the life and service of Josh Pike; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps proudest of the love and support he shares with his wife, Shelly Pike, and their children, Zane and Abby; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people who, like Detective Pike, use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Detective Pike for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in Bartlett; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Detective Josh Pike for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and the people of Bartlett, congratulate him upon being named the Bartlett Police Department's 2012 Employee of the Year, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.